

DETAILED ACTION

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. Claims 1-10 are allowed over the prior art of record as amended by the applicant on 10/15/2009.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims in this application have been allowed because the prior art of record fails to disclose or render obvious the structure as recited in independent claim 1.
3. The closest prior art of record is Purdy et al. (USPN 5,215,528); Rossi et al. (USPN 7,291,128); and Woehr et al. (PGPub 2003/0195471).
4. Regarding independent claim 1, the closest prior art of record fails to teach among all the limitations or render obvious a structure comprising an arrangement for the insertion into the body, through the skin, of a catheter with a proximal base, where this arrangement includes a needle which has a puncture end and a cage, which extends the base in the proximal direction, where this cage forms a chamber through which the needle slides from a proximal entrance to an opposite distal exit and is equipped with a sprung flexible steel blade to hold the puncture end of the needle in the chamber when the needle is withdrawn from the cannula, wherein this blade comprises a transverse branch positioned across the chamber close to the proximal entrance of the chamber perpendicular to the needle and traversed by the needle, where the blade and the needle include resources that combine so that the transverse branch is at rest and traversed freely by the needle when the needle is pushed in the distal direction, and so that the transverse branch stops the needle and is bent by the needle when the

needle is drawn in the proximal direction beyond a given axial position, so that the bent transverse branch inclines the needle and applies a return force to the needle which tends to force the needle back in the distal direction until the puncture end comes up against a wall of the chamber.

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JASON FLICK whose telephone number is (571)270-7024. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 7:00am to 5:30pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nicholas Lucchesi can be reached on 571-272-4977. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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